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1. SOVIET DEPUTY PERM REP OVINNIKOV APPROACHED
AMB BENNETT JULY 30 AND RAISED QUESTION OF UN MEMBERSHIP
FOR ANGOLA AND VIETNAM, ASKING HOW WE SAW THE SITUATION
NOW AND IF WE CONTINUED TO OPPOSE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THE TWO
CASES. BENNETT AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY BUT COMMENTED THAT
WE DID NOT SEE MUCH CHANGE FROM THE EARLIER SITUATION
IN EITHER CASE. BENNETT THEN WENT ON WITH RESPECT TO
VIETNAM, TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE TO US OF MISSING PERSONS
ISSUE. OVINNIKOV IN REPLY TENDED TO DISCOUNT IMPORTANCE
OF MISSING PERSONS QUESTION, ASSERTING THAT, AFTER ALL,
THIS WAS REALLY A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE US AND
VIETNAM. BENNETT MADE CLEAR THAT IT COULD NOT FAIL
TO INFLUENCE OUR ATTITUDE.

2. OVINNIKOV DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE IN THE CASE OF
EITHER ANGOLA OR VIETNAM. HOWEVER, HIS APPROACH,
FOLLOWING THAT OF ROMANIAN PERM REP (REFTEL) WOULD
INDICATE THAT WE CAN EXPECT MATTER TO BE RAISED PUBLICLY
BEFORE LONG.

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